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IN THE COURT OF APPEAL OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

SECOND APPELLATE DISTRICT

DIVISION THREE

In re JULIO D. et al., Persons Coming Under  
the Juvenile Court Law.

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LOS ANGELES COUNTY DEPARTMENT  
OF CHILDREN AND FAMILY SERVICES,

Plaintiff and Respondent,

v.

JULIO D.,

Defendant and Appellant.

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B163739

(Los Angeles County  
Super. Ct. No. CK43324)

APPEAL from an order of the Superior Court of Los Angeles County,  
Jacqueline Lewis, Judge. Dismissed.

Marsha Faith Levine, under appointment by the Court of Appeal, for Defendant  
and Appellant.

No appearance for Plaintiff and Respondent.

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Julio D. (father) appeals the order entered October 23, 2002, terminating father's parental rights with respect to children Julio, Jacqueline, Vicente, Kelly and Nestor.

We appointed counsel to represent father on this appeal. After examination of the record, counsel notified this court in writing that, pursuant to *In re Sade C.* (1996) 13 Cal.4th 952, counsel was unable to file an opening brief. By notice dated March 7, 2003, we advised father to submit any contentions or issues he wished this court to consider within 30 days. No response has been received to date.

Because father has failed to raise any claim of error or other defect, the appeal properly is dismissed as abandoned. (*In re Sade C., supra*, 13 Cal.4th a p. 994.)

#### **DISPOSITION**

The appeal is dismissed.

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KLEIN, P.J.

We concur:

KITCHING, J.

ALDRICH, J.